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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1993 AT 5:30 P.M. IN MUGSHOTS, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

Documents Considered:

BD-D1: Report of the Co-Presidents
BD-D2: Report of the V.P. Academic
BD-D3: Report of the V.P. Administration
BD-D4: Report of the V.P. Finance
BD-D5: Report of the V.P. Services
BD-D6: 1993-94 CUSA Hnadbook Status Report
BD-D7: K. Gilbert's letter of resignation

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Daniel Leibu, called this meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

• ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS
Philip Dalton
Lana Grimes

COMMERCE
Marc Fares
Emmanuel Kamukama
Bobby Lunny
Paul O'Connor

FINE ARTS
Kimberly Jensen

ARTS AND SCIENCE
Nada Al-Yazdi
Pascale Batchoun (6:10 p.m.)
Cheryl Budman
Helen Ora Cohen
Alamgir Khan (left at 6:50 p.m.)
Ken McMurray

ENGINEERING
Mohamed Raza Jivraj
Len Podgurny
Walid Sebali (left at 6:30 p.m.)

ABSENT

Arts and Science:	Maha Asfour (w/r), Alastair Deri-Power, Genevieve Grenier (w/r), Shafik Mina (w/r), Laurie Nicholson, Tony Nicolas (w/r), Stacy Schacter (w/r), Christine Vieira
Commerce and Administration:	Kristina Bolh, Kassan Rahhal (w/r)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the 142nd Meeting be approved.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: K. Jensen

The Chair stated that there is a small omission in the agenda, that being, agenda item 2.5-Approval of Minutes. K. Jensen suggested the addition of item 9.1-By-elections. There were no objections to these amendments.

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

2.5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meetings held on 25/05/93 and 04/06/93 be approved.

P. Dalton stated that he is hesitant to approve minutes if directors have not had enough time to read them.

K. McMurray stated that there are errors with regards to the attendance record of the minutes held on June 4th, 1993.

MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: H. O. Cohen

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE UNANIMOUS

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Co-Presidential

H. O. Cohen asked to know if H. Von Heldegg is serious in her pursuit to sue the association for $100, 000. P. Dalton replied that the lawyers and the auditors are of the opinion that H. Von Feldegg's claim is unreasonable and

that it won't be so difficult to fend off. L. Grimes stated that it is not at the lawsuit stage and merely states that CUSA has ten (10) days to pay. She added that the lawyers and a representative from the auditors have since spoken with H. Von Feldegg's lawyer and have since not heard anything. P. Dalton stated that she does not have much of a case and that the association has reserved its' right to any legal proceedings the association may want to institute against H. V. Feldegg.

P. Dalton asked for the Board's feedback on the proposed computer center. L. Podgurny asked to know what the Co-op is acquiring from this deal. L. Grimes replied that the Co-op will obtain a concession and will be able to sell computer disks, limited stationary, and service the computers.

3.2 V.P. Academic

M. Giles suggested that if directors have any additional information or documents to complete her files on Senate and Faculty Council it will facilitate her task. She added that students advocates are sought, although there are not many cases occurring over the summer, and that approximately three people should be recruited for this area. Marika suggested that directors participate in advocacy.

3.3 V.P. Administration & Student Life

A. Ghaemi had nothing further to add to his report.

3.4 V.P. Finance

The Chair stated that A. Brousseau sends his regrets and is not present tonight and added that questions could be directed to him, who is in the office pretty much daily.

3.5 V.P. Information and Liaison

F. Khader stated that a call for submissions from clubs and associations for the handbook is in the process, with a limit of 150 words per club. He added that P. Loranger has six (6) people working under him selling ads for the handbook, in addition to an ad placed in the Job Bank, informing students that they can sell ads.

F. Khader stated that there are two ideas that are gaining support for the handbook and that it was decided to include pockets in the inside covers of the handbook. He added that pockets would cost more for the handbook but that it is also more likely to sell ads at an increased cost with the addition of the pockets. F. Khader stated that it is possible that the front cover of the handbook will be sold, with the idea being that if a major sponsor takes the front cover for a large cost, it is a good idea. Fadi stated that selling the front cover is a good way for the association to raise funds.

S. Bohdjalian stated that the idea of the insertion of the pockets has not been finalized yet, since it does take away advertising space.

P. Dalton stated that it is not necessarily a good idea for the insertion of pockets, since the handbook is utilized more as a reference source of material and not as a daily agenda.

L. Grimes stated that the front cover of the handbook should be devoted to a major corporate advertiser who is willing to present CUSA's 1993-94 handbook. She added that Pepsi has a serious monopoly on campus and it might be interesting to approach their main competitor Coke and begin to break the monopoly. She added that Coke may be willing to pay a very large price to break this monopoly.

L. Podgurny asked to know what an estimated figure might be of the original budget for the handbook. S. Bohdjalian replied that it was in the range of $25, 000-$29, 000 and added that approximately $6, 000 of advertising contracts have been signed thus far.

F. Khader invited all directors to drop by and spend some time with him.

3.6 V.P. Services

The Chair stated that M. Soso is not present tonight due to setting up for an event at the Campus Centre.

(Time: 6:20 p.m.)

4.0 CUSA Center Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the V.P. Services, Michelle Soso be appointed to the CUSA Center Inc. Board of Directors, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the V.P. Finance, Alan Brousseau be appointed to the CUSA Center Inc. Board of Directors.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: P. Dalton

L. Grimes stated that the CUSA Center Inc. is a company that was created many years ago to manage an amount of money that was set aside for building renovating for a student facility. She added that the majority of the funds came from the sale of what is now a restaurant on the corner of de Maisonneuve and Crescent, which used to be in the early 1970's the association's student union building which was sold. Lana stated that the money was put aside until such time as the renovations of the Mezzanine were to take effect.

L. Grimes stated that the by-laws of the CUSA Center Inc. include the CUSA Comptroller, but that since CUSA

won't have a Comptroller in the foreseeable near future, it was felt that the V.P. Finance could take this seat by amending the CUSA Center Inc. by-laws. She added that it was essential that M. Soso sit on the CUSA Center Inc. since the operations of CUSAcorp are included in her portfolio.

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

5.0 Concordia Council on Student Life: Special Projects

WHEREAS the Concordia Council on Student Life has a Special Projects Committee with two seats for undergraduate students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cheryl Budman and Chris Kuilman be appointed to the CCSL Special Projects Committee.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

L. Grimes stated that the CCSL is funded by student fees and that the projects that are brought to this committee are of a wide variety ranging from trips to art exhibits, newsletters, etc. She added that the reason why C. Budman was chosen as a candidate is because she is a member on the Board and can keep the Board informed on the type of projects that are being approved by this committee. Lana stated that a large majority of the student project proposals stem from the faculty of Fine Arts and that C. Kuilman being a student in this faculty has the expertise to judge wisely the merit of these proposals and whether the money will be well spent.

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

6.0 ANEEQ

WHEREAS CUSA has been a member of Association Nationale des Etudiantes et des Etudiants du Quebec (ANEEQ) since early 1983, and;

WHEREAS no referendum on membership review has been held since rejoining ANEEQ in 1983;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be adopted as a question for the next referendum:

"Are you in favor of CUSA continuing membership in Association Nationale des Etudiantes et des Etudiants du Quebec (ANEEQ)? Yes / No / No opinion"

Moved by: K. McMurray

Seconded by: E. Kamukama

K. McMurray stated that CUSA has been members of this organization for the last ten (10) years and that no referendum has been conducted for the students to decide whether they wish to continue being members of this organization. He added that a referendum should be put to the students once every five (5) years.

B. Lunny asked to know what is involved in being members of ANEEQ. K. McMurray replied that there is a membership fee to pay out of $1.25/head or a flat rate of $12, 000. He added that being members of ANEEQ entails attending conferences and that this organization has been in existence for a long time and has degenerated. Ken stated that it is the students who have to decide if they wish to remain members of ANEEQ.

P. Dalton stated that ANEEQ is a representative organization of which CUSA is a member of and that the idea of having a referendum question put to the students is a great idea. He asked to know why the motion has an option of "no opinion", and that if this motion is to be put to a referendum, CUSA must ensure that students have the necessary information behind ANEEQ to be able to make an effective decision.

MOTION TO TABLE THE MOTION TO THE NEXT MEETING

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: P. Batchoun

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE THE MOTION 8/4/2 CARRIED

7.0 MUCTC

WHEREAS one-way transit fares within THE MUCTC have increased 75% in the last five years, and;

WHEREAS there exists no special transit fare within the MUCTC for students attending Montreal-area post-secondary institutions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this association endorse the principle of establishing a special fare within the MUCTC for students of Montreal-area post-secondary institutions, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the External Affairs Committee and/or all interested parties be encouraged to participate in meetings of la Coalition pour un Tarif au Transport En Commun (CETEC).

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: K. Jensen

P. Dalton pointed out that CUSA does not have an External committee.

K. McMurray stated that this motion arose out of a petition signed last year and that CETEC has been in existence for two (2) years. He added that age is not a barrier in this motion and in addition it doesn't restrict students on their student status, ie. part-time-full-time.

(Time: 6:40 p.m.)

MOTION TO AMEND

WHEREAS one-way transit fares within THE MUCTC have increased 75% in the last five years, and;

WHEREAS there exists no special transit fare within the MUCTC for students attending Montreal-area post-secondary institutions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this association endorse the principle of establishing a special fare within the MUCTC for students of Montreal-area post-secondary institutions, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUSA attain full and active membership in the CETEC and report back to this Board at the next meeting on all progress with respect to the CETEC.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: P. Dalton

L. Grimes stated that McGill also has an active committee on this issue.

VOTE ON MOTION

UNANIMOUS

8.0 HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

WHEREAS a Handbook Committee was created at the June 4th, 1993 meeting of the CUSA Board of Directors, and;

WHEREAS the Committee's mandate was not clearly defined at that meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors adopt the following criteria as the mandate for the 1993-94 CUSA Handbook Committee:

1) **Quorum for the Handbook Committee will be 50% + 1 of its members, with the Editor of the Handbook present.**
2) **The Handbook Committee will review the editorial content of the Handbook.**

3) **The Handbook Committee will meet at least once during the middle of production whenever materials are available for review and once before going to press-with sufficient time to make changes, if necessary-to do a more complete review.**
4) **The Editor and the rest of the Committee must be in agreement over any editorial decisions made and, if they cannot do this, they can-as a last resort-put the decision to the Board of Directors.**

Moved by: K. McMurray
Seconded by: N. Al-Yazdi

K. McMurray stated that a more specific mandate is needed for the Handbook committee.

The Chair granted a five-minute (5) break.

(Time: 6:45 p.m.)

MOTION TO AMEND

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1) **Quorum for the Handbook Committee will be 50% + 1 of its members, with the Editor of the Handbook present.**
2) **The Handbook Committee will review the editorial content of the Handbook.**
3) **The Handbook Committee will meet on June 30th and July 21st and whenever necessary.**
4) **The Editor and the rest of the Committee must be in agreement over any editorial decisions made and, if they cannot do this, they can-as a last resort-put the decision to the Board of Directors.**

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: K. McMurray

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND UNANIMOUS

F. Khader asked to know if in regards to item 4), the individuals have to unanimously agree on the content. P. Dalton replied that the editor and the committee as a whole must be in agreement.

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 By-elections for the Fine Arts Students

Motion:

WHEREAS the Fine Arts seats were won by acclamation, and;

WHEREAS there has been continued concern over the lack of advertisement in the Fine Arts building and low awareness of the elections among Fine Arts students, and;

WHEREAS there remains only one (1) Fine Arts representative on the Board;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the remaining Fine Arts seat be considered vacant as of September 1st, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by-elections will be held for all three (3) Fine Arts seats, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the aforementioned by-elections be held before September 30th, 1993.

Moved by: K. Jensen
Seconded by: L. Grimes

K. Jensen stated that the directors duty is to serve the students and added that she will be stepping down but reserving the right to run again in the by-elections.

L. Grimes stated that the dates of the by-elections should be coordinated with the referendum questions.

MOTION TO AMEND

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WHEREAS there remains only one (1) Fine Arts representative on the Board;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the remaining Fine Arts seat be considered vacant as of the opening of the nomination period, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by-elections will be held for all three (3) Fine Arts seats, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the aforementioned by-elections be held before October 15, 1993.

Moved by: K. Jensen
Seconded by: L. Grimes

VOTE ON MOTION

UNANIMOUS

L. Grimes stated that at the last meeting of the Board of Governors, the motion passed by this Board to present the two Co-Presidents, the President of ECA and the President of CASA was passed.

P. Dalton stated that the association was contacted by the organizer of the Canada Day Parade who has invited CUSA to participate in the parade. He encouraged all directors to participate in it and added that it would be a good showing for the association.

10. CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday July 9th at 5:30 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN

UNANIMOUS

This meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

D. Leibu, Chairperson

H. Danakas, Secretary